Demand put and carried.

10. Public Works—Mechanical-T. A.—Rs. 780.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 780 under Public Works—Mechanical T. A. The travelling allowance allotment for 1106 under Mechanical was Rs. 3,500. It was not found sufficient for paying all the bills relating to that year. Bills for a total amount of Rs. 569—12—0 were not paid for want of allotment. In 1107 the allotment sanctioned by the Government was only Rs. 2,500. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 1,500 was applied for; but the Government sanctioned only Rs. 780. It will be seen that this amount of Rs. 780 is the irreducible minimum. It will be necessary for payment of arrear bills of last year and for the bills that may be coming in during the current year. I pray that this allotment may be sanctioned.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—One word by way of explanation. Was this Rs. 3,500 allotted fully exhausted in the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So this Rs. 599—8—0 is in excess after exhausting Rs.3,500.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

President.—The question before the House is that a supplementary grant of Rs. 780 under Public Works—Mechanical —T. A. be voted by the House.

Demand put and carried.

Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I rise to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Neither the existing Regulation nor the rules framed thereunder make any provision for an appeal to the Diwan against the decision of the District Magistrate. Although it empowers the Diwan to frame rules for the guidance of the District Magistrate and the Boiler Inspector he has no power to revise the order of the District Magistrate. To remove this anomaly and to provide for such a contingency an amendment of the Regulation is found necessary. Hence the present legislation.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the bill is a Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation.

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Under S. O. 32 I request the President that the rule of 15 days may be suspended and the bill taken into consideration.

President.—Suspended.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second the motion.

President.—The Bill may be read and passed in Council. Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation, III of 1091, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Regulation may be called 'the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers (Amendment) Regulation of 1107'; it shall come into force at once.

2. After sub-section (6) of section 15 of the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation, III of 1091, the following shall be added as sub section (7):—

"The Diwan may call for the records of any appeal, if, in his opinion the District Magistrate has acted in the exercise of his jurisdiction illegally or with material irregularity and may pass such order as the Diwan thinks fit".

Motion put and carried.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I move that the bill be taken up and passed on Wednesday, the 16th of December.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

1. Bifurcation of the Maharaja's College.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Resolution runs as follows: "*This Council recommends to the Government that buildings necessary for the starting of the Science section of the Maharaja's College be constructed at Ramavarmapuram, without delay and that the Science section of the College be transferred to the same.*"

The subject of the transfer of the College to Ramavarmapuram has been before the Council on more occasions than one and with the votes of the Government it was once decided to have it at Ramavarmapurm and with the votes of the Government on another occasion it was decided to have it at Ernakulam. If on the last occasion the Government had stood by its decision on the former occasion, the votes would have been equally divided and the scheme which was decided to be at Ramavarmapuram after deliberation for six long years, would have been finished by this time. The controversy would not have arisen but for this change of attitude of the Government after the advent of the present Diwan. I shall not discuss the merits of either scheme at present, because the question was

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